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SUBJECT: CALL ON NEW PPC GOVERNOR ECONOMOPOULOS

1. IN COURSE COURTESY CALL FEBRUARY 4 ON NEW PUBLIC POWER CORPORATION GOVERNOR JOHN ECONOMOPOULOS, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR UNDERSCORED USG AND EMBASSY'S CONTINUING INTEREST IN PPC PROJECTS, REFERRED TO EXIMBANK WILLINGNESS TO FURNISH FINANCING AND THE EMBASSY'S READINESS TO BE OF ASSISTANCE. THREE SPECIFIC AREAS OF IMMEDIATE EMBASSY INTEREST WERE MENTIONED: (1) NUCLEAR POWER CONSULTING CONTRACT; (2) POURNARI HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT (IN PARTICULAR, MANNER IN WHICH BIDS STRUCTURED); AND (3) MODERN LOAD DISPATCH CENTER.

2. ECONOMOPOULOS, WHO EXUDED QUIET AIR OF CONFIDENCE THROUGHOUT MEETING, COMMENTED THAT: (1) BECHTEL AND PPC DO NOT YET AGREE ON ALL MAJOR PROVISIONS CONSULTING CONTRACT, BUT THAT NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE AND RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES MAY BE RESOLVED IN NEXT FEW WEEKS, (2) THAT POURNARI PROJECT MOVING ALONG ON SCHEDULE; (3) THAT ORIGINAL PPC
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ON HOW TO PROCEED WILL BE MADE IN FEW WEEKS. ECONOMOPOULOS INDICATED ENTHUSIASM FOR PROJECT. (BOTH GE AND ROCKWELL CALLED ON PPC OFFICIALS LAST WEEK REGARDING PROJECT, IN HOPES CONVINCING PPC ACCEPT WITHOUT FURHTER ADO VERY THOROUGH ROCKWELL-GE-UNIVAC (DOXIADES) RESPONSE TO CALL FOR PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS.)
ALTHOUGH ECONOMOPOULOS DID NOT COMMENT EXPLICITLY, AT THIS POINT LOOKS MOST LIKELY THAT PPC WILL NOT SINGLE OUT ROCKWELL, BUT SELECT FOUR OF COMPANIES WHO HAVE RESPONDED FOR REBIDS OR NEGOTIATIONS.

3. ECONOMOPOULOS ALSO COMMENTED ON PHILIPPI PEAT PROJECT ("A VERY COMPLICATED QUESTION"); AND GOG'S AUSTERITY PROGRAM - WHICH, HE SAID, WOULD AFFECT PPC GROWTH RATE. (OTHER PPC SOURCE ESTIMATES EXPANSION ELECTRICITY GENERATED WILL BE REDUCED TO 9 PERCENT IN 1974, COMPARED TO 13 PERCENT AVERAGE OF LAST FEW YEARS).
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